

Injury Prevention Network Region IX Newsletter

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CALIFORNIA

Please find attached the latest Region IX members list. The list was produced by Lois Williams, Network Secretary, and contains the most current information submitted to her over the past few months. Please review the list carefully and note any incorrect or missing information. Contact Lois directly at lois.williams@emsa.ca.gov and give her any corrections, and she will release a new list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD INJURY PREVENTION

We are thrilled to announce that injury mortality data is available for every U.S. state on The Injury Prevention Web (IPW) www.injurypreventionweb.org.

The Children's Safety Network Injury Data Technical Assistance Center (CSN IDTAC) now features a web-based version of the Injury Mortality Matrix on the Injury Prevention Web. For those of you not familiar with this document, it is a tool designed to allow Maternal and Child Health Agencies and injury prevention programs to have immediate and accurate access to state injury data via a computer spreadsheet program and "how to" text. The original version of the Matrix called for state's to analyze and then enter their own data into the spreadsheets. The spreadsheets have imbedded formulas that in turn calculate totals, rates, YPLL and cost statistics once incidence data is entered. Now with the web-based version, data has been analyzed and entered by us and presented on a state-by-state basis on the IPW. This has been possible through a collaborative effort between our center and Children's Safety Network Economics and Insurance Resource Center (CSNEIRC).

On the Web, The Matrix consists of tables for specific developmental age groups; less than one year, 1-4 years, 5-9 years, 10-14 years, 15-19 years, 20-24 years and a summary of ages 0-24. The tables are formatted with one axis showing the cause of injury i.e. burn, fall, motor vehicle crash and the other axis showing intent of injury i.e. unintentional, intentional, undetermined, or other. Each cell within the table represents the injuries due to a given cause and intent. This is in accordance with the nationally recommended framework for presenting injury mortality data published in MMWR, Aug 1997.

The web-based Matrix also features from the CSNEIRC state-specific cost estimates by age, cause of injury death as well as intent. Cost estimates used by the previous versions of the Injury Mortality Matrix were based on national averages and only differentiated by age and motor vehicle or non-motor vehicle-related injury deaths. Quality of life estimates are now reported separately from medical charges and injury rates are displayed with confidence bounds. State-specific estimates of lifetime productivity loss will be calculated by age at time of death as well as state-specific medical costs of injuries by age and type of injury. The Matrix reports these two cost categories and their sum to provide the total monetary costs of injury deaths by age and type of injury. Also on the Web is a step-by-step guide for interpreting the injury data provided by the Matrix spreadsheets. For questions regarding the web-based Matrix please contact Nilam Patel at (602) 896-4313 or npatel@projects.sdsu.edu.

We would also like to take this opportunity to announce the availability of another website called SafetyLit.org. Every week we present a selection of citations and abstracts that we believe will be of interest. These include not only recent journal articles and reports but also selected material from the past. Many of these are from journals that are not indexed in Medline. Abstracts from journals that are indexed on Medline are likely to appear on SafetyLit.org weeks or even months before the Medline listing. You may view these titles and abstracts by following the link:
<http://www.safetylit.org>

HAWAII

The Department of Traffic (DOT) in Hawaii attempted to pass a Pedestrian Bill of Rights bill in the last legislature, but failed to get it through. The legislators felt it was too pro pedestrian and that it lacked balance between driver and pedestrian issues. DOT will try to pass the bill again next year taking a slightly more balanced approach.

Initial Success --

A booster seat bill was passed through the legislature, but there is a possibility that the Governor may veto the bill due to the high cost this legislature will incur on parents. The bill requires children between ages of four and seven years old or 80 pounds to be in a booster seat. A challenge facing Hawaii is the lack of booster seats because this has not been a requirement and the stock is very low in stores. The Governor is receiving complaints from parents with multiple kids that they cannot afford two to three seats.

ARIZONA

Arizona Road Safety and Public Health Conference

Jack Champlin of NHTSA Region 9 was one of the plenary session and workshop speakers at the Road Safety and Public Health Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona, May 22-23. Attended by more than 150 people, the conference was sponsored by the Arizona Public Health Association, Arizona Department of Health Services, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc., University of Arizona School of Public Health, and the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The focus of the conference was on tribal issues of road safety in Arizona. 23 Arizona Native American Tribes were represented at the conference, and the U.S. Indian Health Service made significant contributions in workshops and presentations. This was the first Arizona state conference to specifically address traffic related injury as a public health problem on tribal lands and with Native American Indians. Jack's workshop presentation focused on impaired driving, drowsy driving, and driver distractions. His plenary session presentation, entitled "Goals and Solutions", and presented in tandem with a talk by Frederick Wright of the Federal Highway Administration, highlighted NHTSA's traffic safety priorities, national and state data by category of crash type, and examples of successful programs and best practices for each issue area from around the U.S.. In addition to the presentations, a large number of NHTSA and Arizona GOHS materials were distributed at an information table at the conference. A highlight of the conference was keynote speaker, Michael Bird, President of the American Public Health Association and the first Native American (from New Mexico) to ever hold that office.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

The 15th Annual California Conference on Childhood Injury Prevention

Westin Hotel, San Diego, California, September 5-7, 2001.

For more information on the conference visit: www.injurypreventionweb.org

On July 10, 2001, NHTSA will hold a public meeting to discuss the development of a 5-year strategic booster seat education plan, for implementation beginning November 2001. Written requests to speak or comments to be submitted for the public record should be received no later than July 3 at

Docket Management, US DOT, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.

Copy of the notice can be found on the website for the Federal Register below:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a010606c.html

Please note that there will be a technical correction made in the Federal Register to the Booster Seat Public Meeting Announcement made on June 6. Under "Dates," "Written Comments," the date to submit written requests to speak or suggested items for the meeting agenda, should read "July 3," NOT "July 13."

California's Fourth Annual EMS for Children Conference
November 13-14, 2001, in San Diego.

This year's conference will be titled "Answering the Questions". To learn more about the conference and anticipated speakers, workshops, etc., you may contact Michael Conley, at mconley@emsa.ca.gov

The Local Government Commission (LGC) is pleased to announce a Call for Entries for our upcoming 2001 Ahwahnee Awards Program. The awards program is sponsored by the Bank of America and cosponsored by The American Institute of Architects, California Council (AIACC) and the California Chapter of the American Planning Association (CCAPA). The 2001 Ahwahnee Awards program will recognize exemplary projects that further an evolution toward more livable, pedestrian-oriented and transit-based communities. Named in honor of the "Ahwahnee Principles," these awards recognize communities whose plans and projects are creating a better quality of life for their residents and for their region as a whole. The Ahwahnee Principles for a "livable community" prescribe a diverse and balanced mix of housing, jobs, businesses and recreational activities—all of which are located within easy walking distance of one another. The awards presentation will held in conjunction with the "New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities" conference on January 24-26, 2002 at the U.S. Grant Hotel in San Diego. To receive a Call-for-Entries brochure, please call Bismarck Obando at 916-448-1198 ext. 311.

National Youth Diversity Summit on Traffic Safety

Youth Saving Youth: CELEBRATING Diversity

Sponsored by: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and National Organizations of Youth Safety Coalition

July 26 -29, 2001 Sheraton Universal Hotel, Los Angeles, CA

"Youth Saving Youth:Celebrating Diversity" is the theme of the Summit that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the NOYS (National Organizations for Youth Safety) Coalition are cosponsoring in Los Angeles, California on July 26, 2001. This Summit will provide a forum to explore traffic safety and related unintentional injury issues that teenagers face, especially teens in high risks populations including: African American, Hispanic, Native American, rural and special needs youth. The objective is to collaborate with many national organizations whose members are young people or who serve young people in the minority community. These organizations are working together to develop the Summit agenda. Teams of youth and adults will be asked to create a plan of action for follow-up to the Summit. Facilitated dialogue will help create recommendations from the participating youth addressed to government, organizations and communities. The Summit will target youth between the ages of 14 to 18 years old. College students will assist in facilitation and moderation of the Summit.

For complete information and registration, got to NHTSA website () and click on the NOYS icon on the home page.

Note: The registration fee has been dropped to only \$25 per youth participant